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DEPT FOR PM/DTCC FOR BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

E.O. 12958: N/A  
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SUBJECT: POST'S RESPONSE FOR BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST-SHIPMENT  
END-USE CHECK ON LICENSE 050088569

REF: STATE 0122070

¶1. Per request, Post conducted a post-shipment check on license 050088569 for the export of cannons to Trinidad & Tobago. The Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force (TTDF) has not provided an official statement regarding the cannons. However, according to reasonable speculation, the UK company, MSI Defence, took possession of the cannons listed below to be used in an integrated mount system for offshore patrol vessels (OPV) that are to be supplied to the Trinidad & Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG).

¶2. Although not officially confirmed, we have heard that the cannons have been delivered and installed on the OPV. However, the TTCG will not take possession of the OPV until, at the earliest, third quarter CY2009. Currently, the OPV and mounted cannons remain in dry dock in Portsmouth, UK. Additional inquiries may be made to Post POC, James Kuebler, Phone: 868-822-5922; Email: KueblerJM@state.gov.

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